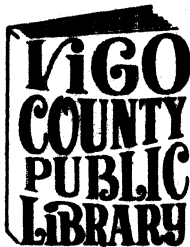


Cartwright



Robert L. Meyers
7010 Broadmoor
Overland Park KS 66204

January 19, 1981

I checked some of our sources for your Thomas Cartwright. He is not listed in our surname file or the miscellaneous card file. The only Cartwright mentioned in the Vigo county histories is a Peter Cartright who bought the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 10, Range 10 from George Clem on 23 Dec. 1828. The following Cartwrights are listed in Vigo County Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850: Abner Cartwright to Mary E. Rogers, 25 Mar. 1847, Samuel Hull preacher; Robert Cartwright to Susannah Hayworth, 4 Feb 1836, Trueblood preacher.

The names of the last couple correspond with the parents of the nine year old Thomas on the 1850 Lawrence county census. I think circumstantial evidence indicates that they may be the parents of your Thomas. However, a census record may contain errors since the information may not have been given by the people themselves. We have no way of knowing if a child in the family or even a neighbor talked to the census taker. Another thing to remember is that two copies were made of the census schedules - one to send to Washington and one to deposit in the local courthouse. The working copy was usually kept in the county and a better copy made to send to Washington, thus increasing the chances for errors in transcription. It might be helpful to have a search made of the courthouse records in Lawrence county also.

It seems that if the Robert and Susan who were married in 1836 in Vigo county were the same people who were in Lawrence county in 1850 they should have had children older than Thomas. Perhaps some older children died. You might want to get a copy of the marriage record from the Clerk of Vigo County, Courthouse, Terre Haute IN 47807. Our book of marriage records is a transcription and may contain errors.

We have indexes to the 1830 and 1840 Indiana censuses, and I am sending copies of the pages listing Cartwrights. I see that there was a Robert Cartwright in Vigo County in 1840.

Leaves of Thyme, the publication of the Vigo County Historical Society, printed an article on early Terre Haute photographers in September 1974. Robert I. Clark, curator of the museum at that time, extracted the names from the city directories from 1858 to 1932. The name Charles Eppert appeared on the list from 1858 to 1888. From 1890 to 1915 the studio was called Eppert & Son, and from 1918 to 1932 it was simply

Eppert Studio. I think that this must be the studio that took your unidentified photograph.

We have the Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana which lists the men of Indiana regiments in the Civil War. The roster of Company G, Eleventh Cavalry (126th) Regiment lists Thomas Cartwright; residence Tuscola, Ill.; mustered in 21 Jan 1864; mustered out 19 Sept. 1865 as a sergeant. Several men in this company were from Tuscola, a small town in Douglas county, Illinois. This makes me think that perhaps Thomas' parents moved to Illinois shortly after his birth, so I am sending pages from the indexes to the 1840 and 1850 Illinois censuses. Since Terre Haute is near the Indiana/Illinois line, I wonder if Thomas' parents moved directly to Illinois instead of first going southeast to Lawrence county and then northwest to Tuscola. You might try searching an 1860 census of Douglas county and then going back to 1850.

There is a Mrs. Virginia Kennedy, 3028 N. 6th, Terre Haute IN 47804, who does courthouse research in Vigo county. I will forward your letter to her, but you might want to write her as well and inquire about fees.

To find out if anyone else has done research on Cartwrights, you could try putting a query in the genealogy column of the local newspaper. The address is: Genealogy, Dorothy Clark, Terre Haute Tribune Star, 721 Wabash Ave, Terre Haute IN 47808.

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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January 12, 1981

Vigo County Library
Genealogy Department
#1 Library Square, South 7th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

Dear Librarian:

I am interested in locating someone from your staff or from a local geological society who could do a small amount of genealogical research for me concerning my great grandfather and great great grandfather. The Vigo County Health Department --from whom I got your address-- informs me that its records of births and deaths only go back to 1882. The people about whom I am seeking information were born (and perhaps died) before 1882.

I am attempting to learn the names of my great great grandparents. Their names were either Isaac Cartwright (born about 1817 somewhere in North Carolina) and Nancy Cartwright (born about 1820 somewhere in Ohio) or Robert Cartwright (born about 1817 somewhere in North Carolina) and Susan Cartwright (born about 1820 somewhere in North Carolina). I obtained the aforementioned names and dates from the 1850 Federal Census for Randolph County, Indiana and the 1850 Federal Census for Lawrence County, Indiana.

I obtained from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. a transcript of the Civil War military service record of my great grandfather, Thomas Cartwright. He served one year and eight months with Company 'G' of the 11th Indiana Volunteer Cavalry Regiment as a sergeant in charge of foraging. Thomas Cartwright died at the Old Soldier's Home at Leavenworth, Kansas on August 11, 1921 and is buried here in Kansas City, Kansas.

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On his application for a disability pension based on his Civil War service, Thomas Cartwright states that he was born on January 5, 1843 in Vigo County, Indiana. I assume that he was born in some rural township in Vigo County, because if he had been born inside of Terre Haute or some other town, he would have listed the name of the town instead of merely Vigo County on the pension application. Unfortunately, the names of the parents are not listed anywhere in his military service record, nor are they listed in the records at the Old

Early Photographs of same name by name, name
Leaves of Thyme Sept 1974
Charles Eppert - 1858 - 1888
Eppert & Son - 1890 - 1915
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Eppert Studio 1918 - 1932 -2-

Soldier's Home in Leavenworth, Kansas, nor on the death certificate, nor in the cemetery records; I also have been unable to locate any family Bible which would list the names of his parents.

There is one old faded photograph of some female member of the Cartwright family which has been handed down to me. It was taken by the Ekkert & Sons Studio in Terre Haute. Unfortunately, except for the name and city of the photographer's studio, there is no name or date written anywhere on the photo. The photo shows a short stocky white-haired woman in her mid-50's or early 60's with what appear to be pale blue (cornflower blue) eyes, sitting at a small writing table on which a large Bible has been placed. I had heard that either the sister or the aunt of Thomas Cartwright was a lady dentist somewhere in Indiana. Unfortunately, neither the name of the Indiana city where her practice was located nor the name of this woman -- neither her first name nor her married name (if any) is known to me. This photo taken by the Ekkert & Sons Studio in Terre Haute just might be the female dentist spoken of by my late grandmother and my late aunt.

I looked thru the 1850 Federal Census index for Indiana for a listing of all the Cartwright households. Only two of these families had a son named Thomas who could possibly be the Thomas who later became my great grandfather -- the Isaac Cartwright household in Randolph County and the Robert Cartwright household in Lawrence County. The Thomas living in Randolph County is listed as being 7 years old. This age is compatible with the facts, because on August 14, 1850 -- the date listed on page 93 as the date the Isaac Cartwright household was enumerated -- my great grandfather, Thomas, would have been 7 years, 7 months, and 9 days old. The thing that is not compatible with the facts is that Nancy, the wife of Isaac, lists her birthplace as Ohio, whereas on the 1900 Federal Census for Wyandotte County, Kansas Thomas Cartwright lists the birthplace of both his parents as 'North Carolina.' The occupation of Isaac Cartwright is listed as 'miller' but that is no help because I never did know what the occupation of Thomas Cartwright's father was. p 93

Now to the Robert Cartwright household in Lawrence County: The son, Thomas, is listed as being 9 years old. That does not square with the facts as I know them p 459

because on November 6, 1850 -- the date this household was enumerated -- my great grandfather, Thomas Cartwright, would have been 7 years and 10 months old, not 9 years old. Everything else listed about this family is compatible with the facts. Both Robert and Susan Cartwrigh list their birthplace as 'North Carolina.' Another thing that points to this household as being the one I am seeking is the fact that a Margaret (age 4) and a Franklin (age 2) were living in this household. That is significant because my great grandfather, Thomas, had a son named Frank Cartwright and a daughter named Margaret Cartwright. Both of these children, Frank and Margaret, along with their birthdates are listed on the pension application filled out by Thomas Cartwright, which I received from the National Archives. These two children listed on the Civil War service pension application could both have been named after the Frank & Margaret listed as living with the Robert Cartwright household on November 6, 1850. Robert Cartwright's occupation is listed as 'farmer' but that helps very little as I never did know the occupation of Thomas Cartwright's father. The fact that both my name and the head of this household in Lawrence County is Robert could be significant. I was named after my father. I remember asking my father whom he was named after and he told me that he was named after 'someone on my grandfather Cartwright's side of the family.'

Therefore, I am not certain which of these two Thomas Cartwrights on the 1850 census is my great grandfather. Most of the evidence points to the Robert Cartwright household in Lawrence County. The only way I know of to pinpoint which household is the correct one is to locate some Vigo County land records which would show whether a Robert Cartwright or an Isaac Cartwright owned or rented land in Vigo County in January of 1843 when my great grandfather, Thomas, was born. It would also be an ideal situation if someone from a genealogical society in Vigo County has already done research on the Cartwrights of Vigo County and has the necessary information all written down on a pedigree chart.

In any event, would you please either forward my letter to someone in Terre Haute who is available to do genealogical research or send me the address of that person. For your convenience a self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed.

Very sincerely,

Robert L. Meyers
Robert L. Meyers

Thomas Cartwright

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Beckwith, Peter 299 preacher ???

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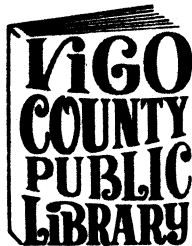
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Abner Cartwright m. Mary C. Rogers 25 Mar 1847 Samuel Hull preacher

Cartwright



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November 9, 1981

Bradsby's History definitely states that Harriet Trueblood was born in Jasper county NC in 1827; but I didn't find a Jasper county NC either. Guide to Research Materials in the North Carolina State Archives, Section B: County Records has no information on Jasper county. Not only does Everton's Handy Book for Genealogists not mention a Jasper county NC, it says that Jasper county SC was formed in 1912 from Beaufort and Hampton. According to North Carolina, Her Counties, Her Townships, and Her Towns by Joan Gloe, there is a town called Jasper in Craven county NC.

I think Bradsby must be in error in this case. The compilers relied on information from family members who may have had faulty memories. One of the county histories has one of my distant Adams relatives listed as born in Ohio instead of Ohio county KY. In addition, I think Beckwith was referring to Elizabeth's father, not Elizabeth, as having been born in Camden county about 1790.

As for the Honey Creek Regular Predestinarian Baptist Church, there's certainly no church of that name in the county now. It probably went out of existence long ago as there were only 50 members when Bradsby's History was published in 1891. According to John Cady's The Baptist Church in Indiana, the Predestinarians in general declined after the mid-nineteenth century. The First and Second Prairie Creek Baptist Churches are still in existence. The First is very old, having been the first organized in the township. Ray Dyer, 1019 Elizabeth Lane, Terre Haute IN 47802, is the pastor.

You might try writing the Franklin College Library, Special Collections, Franklin IN 46131. They have a Baptist archives collection, and perhaps they can tell you what became of Benoni Trueblood's church. I think, though, that many of their records are those of association meetings. I don't believe the Baptists kept detailed birth and death records.

Nancy Sherrill
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Genealogy Librarian

Robert L. Meyers
7010 Broadmoor
Overland Park, Kansas 66204

October 31, 1981

Mrs. Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian
Vigo County Public Library
One Library Square
Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

Dear Mrs. Sherrill:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 22 concerning the marriage record of my great great grandparents, ROBERT CARTWRIGHT & SUSANNAH HAYWORTH, on February 4, 1836 in Vigo County by the Baptist minister, Benoni Trueblood. I have informed Mrs. Daisy Royer of the carelessness of the W.P.A. workers who neglected to make an index of the Vigo County marriages listed in BOOK 'A,' and have requested Mrs. Royer to send me a certified photocopy of the marriage of my great great grandparents.

Your information on the Reverend Bernoni Trueblood, the minister of the Honey Creek Regular Predestinarian Baptist Church, and the two daughters of Bernoni Trueblood -- Elisabeth & Harriet Trueblood -- helped to answer several questions in my mind that had been puzzling me.

There is one thing I would like you to double-check if you don't mind: on page 813 of the book, HISTORY OF VIGO COUNTY, by H.C. Bradsby, you copied the line ... "Miss Harriet W. Truelblood, who was born in Jasper County, North Carolina in 1827 ..." I was puzzled by this because there is no Jasper County in North Carolina in 1981. I did, however, locate a Jasper County on the southernmost tip of South Carolina. Would have any way of determining if the state of North Carolina re-named some of its counties after 1827, the year that HARRIET TRUEBLOOD was said to have been born? Something doesn't add up since the sister of HARRIETT TRUEBLOOD, -- ELIZABETH TRUEBLOOD -- was said to have been born 'about 1790 in Camden County, North Carolina (HISTORY OF VIGO & PARKE COUNTIES, By H.W. Beckwith, Page 471).

The information that BENONI TRUEBLOOD was not a Quaker, but a Baptist, makes a lot of sense to me. The Quakers have always been conscientious objectors and pacifists ever since the Society of Friends was founded back in England. Yet I had assumed that ROBERT CARTWRIGHT & SUSANNAH HAYWORTH were Quakers from the Society of Friends congregation in Pasquotank County, North Carolina. This matter had greatly puzzled me because their son, THOMAS CARTWRIGHT, volunteered for combat duty with the 11th Indiana Volunteer Cavalry Regiment and reached the rank of sergeant. My late father told me that when he was a child he often heard his grandfather, THOMAS CARWRIGHT, sit around a picnic table, and after a few swigs of homemade wine, begin to brag about the number of Confederate soldiers whom he had beheaded with his old rusty cavalry saber which hung over his fireplace. That type of behavior hardly seems characteristic of a man who had supposedly been raised as a non-violent quaker, but would be quite in character for a man raised as a Baptist, since the Baptists have always participated in wars with great relish, and the Selective Service boards in all 50 states have consistently refused to grant conscientious objector status to any young man who claimed membership in any branch of the Baptist Church.

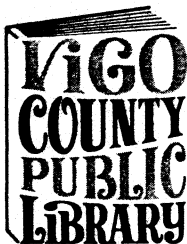
I noticed that your sources state that the Reverend BENONI TRUEBLOOD was born in Camden County, North Carolina. Camden County borders on Pasquotank County where the large Quaker Congregation I mentioned earlier had its seat. Since there were CARTWRIGHTS and TRUEBLOODS in this Quaker congregation in Pasquotank County, North Carolina, it is quite possible that BENONI TRUEBLOOD was raised as a Quaker but switched to the Baptist religion and moved to Camden County which adjoins Pasquotank County on the east.

I have gathered quite a lot of circumstantial evidence which indicates that the parents of THOMAS CARTWRIGHT were ROBERT CARTWRIGHT & SUSANNAH HAYWORTH but I have no definite documented evidence to prove this. Has the "Honey Creek Regular Predestinarian Baptist Church" gone out of existence or has it changed names and remained in existence in its original location? If it is still in existence under another name, is there any chance that some deacon or elder has preserved the old written records from the 1830's and 1840's of this church and is it possible that the birth of THOMAS CARTWRIGHT on January 5, 1843 in Vigo County might still be in the archives of this church?

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Meyers

Chadd



Donna Kelly
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September 22, 1987

The Vigo County Historical Society forwarded your letter of Sept. 5 to the library.

I am enclosing a research report listing the sources we checked for your ancestors. As you can see, we did not find anything that definitely mentions your John Chadd. We did find a John and Mary Chadd on the 1860 Vigo county census, but the names of the children were not those you mentioned. All but the youngest child were born in Kentucky, so this John and Mary were no doubt married there.

The Clay county courthouse burned about 1850, so research there can be a problem. I believe the Clay County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 56, Center Point IN 47840, has a card index to the 1860 and 1870 Clay county censuses, so you might try writing them for more information.

The Mormon Church has filmed the courthouse records in several Indiana counties, including Clay and Vigo. These records include marriages, deeds, wills, probates, guardianships, etc. We have the microfilm for Vigo county, and I checked some of the deed indexes. I found that a John Chadd bought land in Vigo county but did not find when he sold it. Branch libraries of the Mormon Church are able to borrow these films from Salt Lake City. If there is such a library near you, you may be able to obtain these records.

If you would like copies of any of the items on the research report, our charge is 10¢ per page, plus postage.

Nancy Sherrill
Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
One Library Square
Terre Haute IN 47807

DATE: _____

VIGO CO. LIBRARY RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched
for the surnames of:

Chadd, John + Mary (Mann); Willis Samuel, Albert T. +
in response to your request of 9-5-87. Robert Lee

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
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 2. Surname File:
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 3. Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms
(in the county histories)
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 4. Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
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 5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
Did not find ☒ Found _____
 6. W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
Did not find _____ Found Vol 1 p 134 Chadd, Freeling
age 59 d. 30 March 1918 Sugar Creek Twp Book H42 p 287
 7. Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to
1830 That Lived to Maturity:
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 8. Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
Did not find ☒ Found _____
 9. Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of
Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find ☒ Found _____
 10. Census Index for the year 1850-1880:
Did not find _____ Found 1850 - Several Chadds but none in
1860 + 1870 index for Vigo or Clay Counties
Vigo Co. only
1860 - Chadd, John - Nevins Twp, Vigo Co p 651
1870 - No Chadds in Vigo Co.
1880 - Only John Chadd was age 4 and living
in Putnam Co & his grandfather John Cramley
- Other: (also check other side)

Clay County, Indiana, Marriage Records 1851-1867 by Robert E. + Phyllis Selby - No John Chadd + Mary Mann listed

Clay County, Indiana, Will Abstracts 1848-1867 by Charles M. Franklin - No Chadds listed

Cemeteries in Clay County, Indiana, compiled by Margreta Harr + Hope Swearingen Ray - No Chadds listed

Blanchard, Charles. Counties of Clay and Owen, Chicago: F.A. Battey + Co. 1884 - No Chadds listed

1860 Census Newias Township, Vigo County 16 Aug 1860 p 651

#1310/1274	John Chadd	- 40 - Farmer -	250 real estate	2000 Personal Estate	KY
	Mary "	28			Born KY
	Ann E.A. "	14			"
	Wm H. S. (3)	12			"
	James D "	8			"
	John T (3) "	8			"
	Wm. S (3)	4			"
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Vigo Co.

Deed Index Grantor + Grantee 1818-1860

Chadd, Jno. from Lucy Farris 31 Aug 1857 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 5 T13 R7 40 acres Book 21 p 116

Deed Index Grantor May 1860 - Apr 1867 - 0

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Vigo County Historical Society
Terre Haute, Indiana

PREPARED BY	Donna Kelly
DATE	Sept 15, 1987

Dear Genealogical Society,

I am looking for any information you might be able to help me with on my Great-Great Grandfather and his family, who lived in either Vigo or Clay County, Indiana from around 1857 - 1870.

(name) A. John Chadd

born 1819 - 1820 - 1821 in Kentucky

(wife) B. Mary (Mann)

born 1830 - 1831 in Ohio

C. Known children born in Vigo or Clay

I. Willis Samuel

(my great-grandfather)

1. His marriage license says he was born in Clay County.

2. His obituary says he was born in Vigo County

3. born Dec. 12, 1859

II. Albert J.

1. born 1861

III. Robert Lee

1. born 1867

John Chadd & Mary Mann were probably married around 1857 - 1858 in Vigo

1 or Clay County.

2 Any information you could find
3 for me would help immensely.

4 Please let me know your fee
5 and your charge for any copies
6 you might send.

7 Thank-you again for your
8 time & your help.

10 Sincerely,

11 Donna R. Kelly

12 2733 No 79 St.

13 Omaha, Neb.

14 68134

Nancy,
This letter was sent by express
mail, so she must be in a hurry to
find some information.

Memorandum copied from an old scrap-book found in an old trunk belonging to David Haddon by Frank Buckley.

I made a copy of the data as it was interpreted to me by Frank when I was in Monett MO in 1919, and added enough to it so that I would understand how the Buckleys were related to Hester Hoover. I have never had this memo handy when talking with Hester as she would be able to carry the lines all down.

"John Cammel Cartwright died April 8, 1832
Ann Cartwright died June 25, 183 (last figure missing from record)"

"Ann N. Cartwright, born Dec. 11, 1815, in Loudon Co. VA."

"James Thistle, born August 4, 1805 in Allegheny Co. MD."

"James Thistle and Ann N. Cartwright, married Feb. 19, 1833."

It would appear from the above that the two deaths are the parents of Ann N. Cartwright Thistle and that they lived at the time of her birth in Loudon County, Virginia.

From what Frank said I made a note that this Ann Cartwright Thistle had a brother William who married Sally Ledgerwood (?) and a brother Dr. Samuel Cartwright of Natches, and a sister Julia A. Cartwright who married Col. William H. Hadden who was in the Mexican War.

Willie and Sally Cartwright had

Ann who m. John Hoover (parents of Hester)

Samuel who m. Ax Lanon (parents of Belle Cartwright Starnes)

Belle who m. Foss Hall

Julia who m. Allen (parents of Ethan Allen)

Col. Wm. R. Haddon and Julia A. Cartwright had

David who married Becky (parents of Milton)

William

James

Adolphus

Ann Treasel (or Thistle) who m. Hosea Coleman Buckley (Frank's parents)

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